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APPLICANT: Jerome Pierrard et al :

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**FOR: "Industrial Method for Producing
Heterologous Proteins in E. Coli
And Strains Useful For Said Method"** :

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of a Defective Response mailed September 11, 2001, a response to which is due by October 11, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

Pages 18 and 19, delete the paragraph running from page 18, line 19 through page 19, line 25 and insert

--The 1.27 kb fragment containing the P_{trp} promoter, the ribosome binding site of the λ phage cII gene (RBScII) and the nitrilase gene of *Alcaligenes faecalis* ATCC8750 (*nitB*) was extracted from the plasmid pRPA6BCAT6 (application FR 96/13077) using the EcoRI and XbaI